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STINGERS HOST BISHOP'S SATURDAY IN ROYAL BANK SHRINE BOWL

FOOTBALL UPDATE: The Stingers defeated the McMaster Marauders 30-14 in a pre-season game Sept. 3. Concordia finished with 374 yards of net offense. Third year quarterback Ron Aboud (Montreal, Quebec) was 10 of 14 for 219 yards and one touchdown. John Dilegge, who led the nation in punt returns last year (445 yds.), had a great game with 8 returns for 149 yards. The O-QIFC single game record is 127 yards which was set by Dilegge last season against Bishop's (Oct. 15).

THIS WEEK: Concordia hosts Bishop's in the first regular season game for each team. The Gaiters defeated York 26-10 in a pre-season encounter last week. Kickoff is set for 12:00 p.m.

STINGERS ON TELEVISION: Saturday's contest will be broadcast live by T.S.N. with Michael Lansberg calling the play-by-play and Jamie Bone handling the commentary. T.S.N. is now available on cable and the game will be shown across the nation.

THE SERIES: Bishop's leads the series 17-7-2, having defeated the Stingers six of the last seven games. However, Concordia defeated the Gaiters 22-2 in their last contest October 15, 1988.

PRE-SEASON HONOURS: The CIAU has selected two Stingers as 1989 pre-season All-Canadians. Offensive tackle Richard McCrory (Montreal, Que.) and offensive guard Paul Vajda (Montreal, Que.) were both named to the team. Both players were first-team All-Canadians last season.

STINGERS IN THE CIAU STATS: Punt returner Johnny Dilegge (Montreal, Que.) led the nation last season with 445 yards. Along the way he broke two conference records including most return yardage in one game - 127 yards. Third-year quarterback Ron Aboud finished seventh in the nation last year with an 87.1 efficiency rating. He completed 58% of his passes in 1988 for 1349 yards. Senior cornerback Stephane Chapados (Montreal, Que.) finished second in the nation with five interceptions for 143 yards.

RON ABOUD: The O-QIFC All-Star Quarterback threw for 219 yards against McMaster Sept. 3. This marked the fourth consecutive game he has thrown for over 200 yards. Aboud now has nine 200 yards-plus passing games in his career.

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THE ROYAL BANK SHRINE BOWL

THE ROYAL BANK SHRINE BOWL marks the third consecutive Shrine Bowl appearance for the Stingers and the first for Bishop's. Concordia is 0-2, having lost both games to cross-town rival McGill Redmen 31-20 in 1987, and 27-7 last year.

Those first two Shrine Bowl contests could just have well been renamed the "**Mike Soles-Ron Aboud Show**". In the 1987 game, Soles ran for 197 yards on 13 carries to account for over half of the Redmen total offense, while Aboud collected 120 total yards, including 94 rushing. McGill went on to win eight of their next nine games and a Vanier Cup Championship.

In the 1988 match-up, Soles was the McGill sparkplug once again, scoring 3 touchdowns while Aboud picked up Concordia's only major score of the afternoon.

This year's game, the season-opener for both teams, should be just as exciting. The Stingers will once again be led by Aboud, a 1988 conference all-star as well as All-Canadians **Richard McCrory** (tackle) and **Paul Vajda** (guard).

For the Gaiters, they'll have to do without All-Canadian linebacker **Leroy Blugh**. However, **Al Matheson** and **Derek Schumann**, also All-Canadians in 1988, will lead a strong defensive team. Sophomore quarterback **Silvio Martel** and running back **Keith Kelly** should supply the offensive thrust for Bishop's.

All net proceeds from ticket sales of the Shrine Bowl will go to the Montreal Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children on Cedar Avenue.

The concept of an annual Shrine Bowl game between teams in the O-QIFC is not a new idea. The best college football players in the United States have been competing in the East-West Shrine Game for over 60 years!

The East-West game is America's oldest all-star game and second only to the Rose Bowl among post-season games. Played for the benefit of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, the East-West game has raised more than \$10 million for the 22 Shriners Hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

O-QIFC Shrine Bowl History

1987	McGill	31	Concordia	20
1988	McGill	27	Concordia	7
1989	Bishop's		Concordia	

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1987	Mike Soles Ron Aboud	(McGill) (Concordia)
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